



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Office of Space Commerce
Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Jack Ackohen
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via: jack@astrodigital.com

RE: NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs License Inquiry

Dear Mr. Ackohen:

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 960.5(a), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs (CRSRA) office has reviewed your Initial Contact Form, submitted on October 1, 2024, and discussions held with CRSRA on October 2, 2024, concerning your proposed Frazier private remote sensing space system. Under the authority of the Secretary of Commerce under 51 U.S.C. § 60121 *et seq.* and 15 CFR Part 960, delegated to NOAA, we have determined that the proposed system as described in your Initial Contact Form does not fall within the Secretary's jurisdiction and therefore will not be required to apply for a NOAA license. This determination was made based on the fact your system's remote sensing instrument is a self-imaging camera used to monitor spacecraft health; therefore, it is used primarily for mission assurance purposes and is exempt from the licensing requirement under 15 C.F.R. § 960.2(b).

If the factual circumstances of the information provided change, please submit a new Initial Contact Form, as you may be subject to the Secretary's jurisdiction. Additionally, please contact CRSRA with any future systems you may plan to operate in order to obtain a licensing determination on that specific system and its mission.

Please refer any questions regarding this determination to Frank Rostan at 301-520-5202 or by email at CRSRA@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Sarah C. Brothers, Ph.D.
Director, Commercial Remote
Sensing Regulatory Affairs

cc: Glenn Tallia, NOAA Office of General Counsel